

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration. With this Amendment, Claims 13, 18 and 20 are amended, Claims 1-10 are canceled, without prejudice against their reintroduction into this or one or more timely filed continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part applications, Claim 21 is withdrawn, and Claims 22-23 are newly added. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, Claims 11-20 and 22-23 are pending and under consideration.

The Amendments of the Claims

Claims 13, 18, 20, and 21 have been amended to correct typographical errors and to comply with the species elections. Support for new Claims 22-23 is found in Claims 13 and 18 as filed. No new matter is added by virtue of the amendments.

Election of Species

Applicant is required to elect a single variable heavy chain amino acid species under PCT Rule 13.1. The species are: species (a) SEQ ID NO: 50 and species (b) SEQ ID NO: 78. Applicant hereby elects species (b) SEQ ID NO: 78. Claims 11-23 correspond to species (b). No claims are generic.

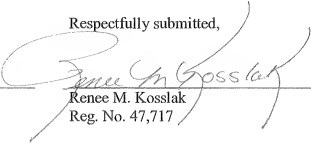
Applicant is further required to elect a species of inflammatory bowel disease under PCT Rule 13.1. The species are: (a) Crohn's disease and (b) ulcerative colitis. Applicant elects species (a) Crohn's disease. Claim 18 as amended corresponds to species (a). Claims 11-17, 19-20, and 22-23 are generic.

Applicant notes that upon allowance of a generic claim, they are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. Accordingly, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant is entitled to consideration of species (b) ulcerative colitis (i.e., Claim 21 (withdrawn)).

Although no additional fees are believed to be due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or other relief that may be required, or credit any overpayment to PDL BioPharma Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-3270 (**Order No. 116 US PC02**).

Respectfully submitted,

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